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December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

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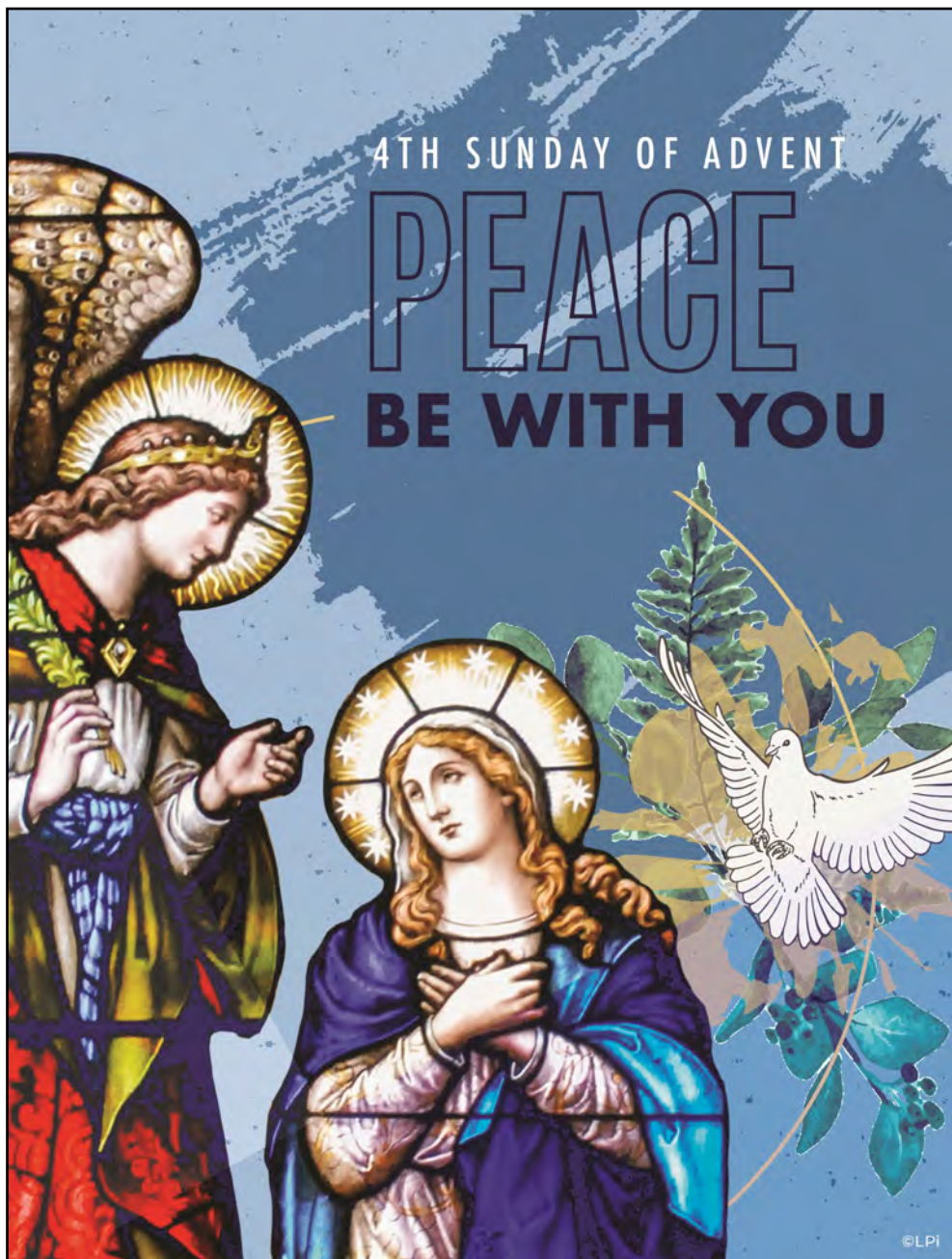
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To Register

Welcome to those who are new to our parish. If you would like to register at St. Anthony, please call the office at (316) 531-2252 to request a registration packet. Forms available on our website at www.stanthonygardenplain.com.



Holy Mass

Sunday

Saturday (Vigil) - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays

Mon., Tues. & Fri. - 7:30 a.m.

Wed. - 6:30 p.m.

(See Bulletin for Thur. Mass Time)

Confession

Weekly

Wed. 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Sat. 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

Prayer Line

Call Janie Wells at (316) 540-9878
for Prayer Request

Adoration

Weekly

Mon. 8:00 a.m. to Tue. 7:00 a.m.

Thursday before 1st Friday

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(See Bulletin for Any Changes)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sat., December 20

Parish Hall Reserved All Day
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. - First Time Parent Baptismal Class
in Franciscan Hall
11:00 a.m. - Church Decorating for Christmas
5:00 p.m. - K of C Rosary
5:30 p.m. - K of C Meeting

Mon., December 22

No Adoration

Tues., December 23

No Adoration

Wed., December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. - Mass

Thurs., December 25 - Christmas

12:00 a.m. (Midnight) - Mass
9:00 a.m. - Mass

Fri., December 26

No Events

Sat., December 27

Parish Hall Reserved All Day
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
No Events Scheduled

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., December 20

4:30 p.m. - † John & Bobbie Bogner

Sun., December 21

8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - † Jake Schneider

Mon., December 22

7:00 a.m. - † Albert & Gertrude Kerschen Family

Tues., December 23

No Mass

Wed., December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. - † Donald Lear

Thurs., December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. - † Roger Bunck

Fri., December 26

No Mass

Sat., December 27

4:30 p.m. - People of the Parish

Sun., December 28

8:00 a.m. - † Bernard & Carol Marcinkowski
10:00 a.m. - † LeRoy & Charlene Stine

A Mass Intention is \$10 per Mass. Mass Intention Request Slips are located at entrances of church. Can be put into collection basket or dropped off at parish office.

WEEKDAY ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Mon., December 22

7:00 a.m. - Christmas Break!

Tues., December 23

No Mass

Wed., December 24

5:00 p.m. - *See Christmas Schedule*

Thurs., December 25

12:00 a.m. (Midnight) - *See Christmas Schedule*
9:00 a.m. - *See Christmas Schedule*

Fri., December 26

No Mass

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

~ John 3:16 ~

Sunday Collection

December 14

Regular - \$9,437.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$250.00

Thank You for Your
Stewardship of Treasure!



FOURTH Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEKEND - 12/27 & 12/28

Lectors

4:30 p.m. - Brenda Flax
8:00 a.m. - Kurt Carter
10:00 a.m. - Stacey Fisher

Rosary Leaders

4:30 p.m. - Nancy Martin
8:00 a.m. - Eli Carter
10:00 a.m. - Julie Bergkamp

Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. - ***Volunteers Needed***
8:00 a.m. - Justin Stuhlsatz's Family
10:00 a.m. - Glenn Lilly's Family

Homebound EMHC's - December

Gary Panek & Janet Meyer

First Time Parent Baptismal Class December 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Facilitator - Jennylee Doyle

Altar Servers

4:30 p.m. - Jared Flax
Braxton Randolph
Brock Randolph
8:00 a.m. - Connor Mease
Kylie Mease
Lucas Rau
10:00 a.m. - Jaycee Ricke
Ade Kasselmann
Kyson Kasselmann

EMHC's

4:30 p.m. - Rod Thimesch
Ed Panek
8:00 a.m. - Pat Koester
Carla May
10:00 a.m. - Mark Becker
Rick Heimerman

Ushers - December

4:30 p.m. - Greg Rausch, Dennis Meyer,
Jeff Becker & ***Volunteer Needed***
8:00 a.m. - Brad Puetz, Jeremy Seiwert,
James Hommertzheim
& ***Volunteer Needed***
10:00 a.m. - Greg Jennings, Michael Costello,
Joe Fisher & ***Volunteer Needed***

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month at St. Anthony Parish. Parent(s) who plan to have their child baptized are required to be actively practicing their Catholic faith, be registered and active in the parish for no less than six months prior to the baptism. First time parent(s) need to attend a baptismal class. Baptismal forms are available at the parish office, during office hours. Forms need to be returned at least one week prior to the date of baptism.

MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months before preparation for marriage will begin. The bride or groom registered in the parish is expected to be actively participating in the life of the Church by living the Stewardship Way of Life. Please contact the Pastor to begin. Dates for the weddings will only be scheduled AFTER meeting with the Pastor. Do not schedule, commit to, or make down payments for venues, caterers, musicians, photographers, etc. until you have met with the Pastor. There is no guarantee to scheduling a wedding on your preferred day.

FROM FATHER H

Christmas Call to Sharing 2025 - We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests.

An invitation to Christmas Call to Sharing has been mailed. Please consider a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 51 men in the seminary and has blessed us with 21 retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

For those who did not receive a Christmas offering envelope in the mail, extras can be found at the entrances of church.

Merry Christmas to All - I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry and Blessed Christmas. I hope your holidays are filled with great joy and happiness as you gather with family, friends and loved ones during these days of celebrating God's greatest gift to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Please join me in praying for those less fortunate than ourselves who will spend these days alone or apart from loved ones, whatever the reasons may be. May God bless them abundantly these days.

Know that you remain in my prayers in a most special way. I am truly blessed to be your Shepherd. Please keep me in your prayers as well. I love you all. - *Father H*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - December 24

♦ 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - December 25

♦ 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

♦ 9:00 a.m.



RELIGIOUS ED. & YOUTH NEWS

Grade School PSR Classes - No classes this week.

Please continue to keep Father H in your prayers.

Questions for Faith Sharing - The theme for this Sunday's readings is: Jesus is God made flesh. (Emmanuel = God is with us!) **Question for Adults:** What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer? **Question for Youth:** God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in his dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- Take time to read together the Christmas story from Scripture or a children's Bible. After the story, set out the family nativity, or draw a picture of the nativity scene. Discuss each character as you draw them or place them in the scene.
- Purchase material and supplies for a Christmas banner. As a family create a banner showing the true meaning of Christmas. When completed, hang the banner in a special place as a reminder during this busy week that the Messiah is truly among us.
- Go for an evening drive as a family and look at the Christmas lights in your community. Ask each family member to reflect on a time when he or she has known the light of God's presence in his or her life.

Let us pray that we will be able to clearly hear God speaking to us, and respond with the same faith which Joseph had. ~ Lifelong Catechesis OSV

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ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Upcoming Event - We will be decorating the church for Christmas this Sunday, December 21 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2937

Knights of Columbus Meeting - The next meeting is this Sunday, December 21. Rosary at 5:05 p.m. in Church with meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.



EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

Domestic Church: Evangelization Retreat - January 16-18. The Retreat is for Catholic married couples who want to grow in holiness together as a couple and family. It provides a renewed experience of marital spirituality and an introduction to Domestic Church Movement formation. The retreat can fruitfully be attended by any sacramentally married couple even if they decide not to join the movement. The retreat includes daily Mass, confession, talks, and time for couples to encounter the Lord together. Retreat cost \$375/ couple. Includes overnight accommodations, retreat materials and meals (Sat. breakfast - Sun. lunch), or \$325 commuter. Register names of both spouses. For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call 316-744-0167.



Support Catholic Schools - Your gift to Support for Catholic Schools will benefit low-income students in schools across the Diocese of Wichita.

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Assistant Controller - The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking an individual with extensive experience in accounting to serve as Assistant Controller. This position will be responsible for assisting the Controller with the overall administration of accounting activities for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita (Chancery office) and related departments and agencies. This will include assisting the Controller in the analysis, interpretation and presentation of financial data.

Candidates must demonstrate a fundamental background and experience in accounting and a knowledge of accounting principles and reporting practices. It would be helpful if this individual possessed an understanding of the Catholic Church and its structures. The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to work well with diocesan leadership, co-workers, pastors and their staffs. For additional information, go to <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>.

Prayer and Action - High school youth are invited to participate in Mass, Adoration, service projects, etc. More details at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-formation/prayer-and-action/>. Registration opens December 15. Cost is \$199.



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

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